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SUBJECT PROBLEMS OF US FIRM WORLD WIDE WILCOX

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1. DISCUSSIONS WITH MR WERNER OF WORLD WIDE WILCOX REVEAL THAT  
SIUTATION IS MORE COMPLICATED THAN HE HAD INITIALLY INDICATED  
BY TELEPHONE (SEE REFTEL). ACCORDING TO WERNER, AIRPORT PROJECT  
HAS COME UNDER INCREASINGLY  
SEVERE LABOR PROBLEMS DURING PAST  
SIX WEEKS AS LEFTIST DISK UNION HAS  
BEEN FOMENTING TROUBLE IN ATTEMPT TO BRING  
UNDER ITS CONTRAOL APPROXIMATELY 60 WORKERS  
ON PROJECT.

LABOR AGITATION HAS BEEN BITTER, OUTSPOKENLY ANTI-AMERICAN  
AND HAS INCLUDED WHISPERING CAMAIGN, CIRCULATION OF LEAFLETS  
AND OTHER HARRASSMENT. ONE OF WERNER'S AMERICAN ASSISTANTS  
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT AMONG THE SIX AMERICAN  
EMPLOYEES WORKING ON PROJECT AND WAS APPARENTLY PHYSICALLY

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ROUGHED UP DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS

OF JULY 14TH AS HE WAS RETURNING TO HIS APARTMENT IN YESILYURT. INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED TO POLICE. WE HAVE URGED THAT THIS BE DONE AND ANY FURTHER OCCURRENCES REPORTED IMMEDIATELY. A MEETING BETWEEN UNION AND COMPANY REPS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AT LOCAL LABOR OFFICE FOR JULY 20 TO CONSIDER DISK CLAIM TO REPRESENT WORKERS

2. WERNER BELIEVES THAT DISAFFECTED EMPLOYEES, SOME OF WHOM HAVE BEEN RELEASED AS PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION (NOW SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1976), WERE PERPETRATORS OF DEVICE THAT EXPLODED JULY 13(SEE REFTEL). SOURCE OF EXPLOSION BELIEVED TO BE SMALL AMOUNT OF DYNAMITE PASTE WRAPPED IN PACKAGE THAT WAS PLACED ON GROUND FLOOR BALCONY OF EMPTY APARTMENT. GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS WERE BLOWN OUT (ONE OF THREE APARTMENTS USED BY WILCOX AS OFFICE SPACE IN BUILDING IS LOCATED ON GROUND FLOOR), CEMENT WAS CHIPPED AND BALCONY RAILINGS WERE BENT BY BLAST

3. AT JULY 15 APPOINTMENT ARRANGED THROUGH CONGEN WITH TURKISH CHIEF 1ST SECTION (POLITICAL) POLICE, WERNER RECOUNTED HIS SUSPICIONS THAT FORMER WORKERS MAY HAVE CONDUCTED BOMBING AND GAVE BACKGROUND OF CURRENT LABOR DIFFICULTIES. HOWEVER, DESPITE EARLIER REQUEST TO CONGEN THAT PROTECTION BE GIVEN HIS OFFICE BUILDING IN YESILYURT (A SUBURB OF ISTANBUL LOCATED NEAR THE AIRPORT) HE MADE NO MENTION OF THIS TO FIRST SECTION POLICE CHIEF

4. IN FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CALL ON JULY 15 CONGEN OFFICER ADVISED WERNER THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN EVERY APPROPRIATE WAY (CONGEN HAD CALLED YESILYURT POLICE JULY 14 INFORMALLY TO REQUEST PROTECTION FOR WILCOX ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND HAD ADVISED FIRST SECTION POLICE OF OUR REQUEST), BUT COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS SPECIFIC REQUESTS WERE FIRST MADE BY COMPANY OFFICIALS TO POLICE AUTHORITIES. THEN, IF IT APPEARED THAT NO ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN CONGEN WOULD ATTEMPT TO ASSIST. WERNER INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND WOULD CALL ON YESILYURT POLICE TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

5. WHEN CONGEN OFFICER ASKED WHETHER CURRENT SPATE OF DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN REPORTED TO OFFICIALS IN PUBLIC WORKS MINISTRY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANKARA, WERNER SAID PERSONS WITH WHOM HE DEALS WERE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL END OF MONTH. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AMERICAN FIRM HAD "A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THE MINISTRY". WILCOX HAD PRESENTED BILL FOR 6 MILLION DOLLARS REPRESENTING CLAIMS FOR DELAYS ENCOUNTERED BY FIRM. WERNER CLAIMS MINISTRY TOOK HARD NOSED ATTITUDE AND SAID THEY WOULD NOT GIVE A PENNY. AS RESULT THESE PROBLEMS PRESIDENT OF NORTHROP(PARENT COMPANY OF WORLD WIDE WILCOX) IS PLANNING TO BE IN TURKEY JULY 24 TO 26,

AT WHICH TIME COMPANY MAY INFORM TURKS THAT "IT SERIOUSLY  
CONSIDERING WALKING OUT".

6. COMMENT: FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH COMPANY REP REVEALED THAT  
NORTHROP INTERESTED SELLING AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY AND IN BIDDING  
ON MILITARY PLANT TO ASSEMBLE JET AIRCRAFT IF DECISION IS MADE  
TO GO AHEAD WITH PROJECT. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THREAT  
TO "WALK OUT" ON JOB MAY BE USED IN ATTEMPT TO GET GOT  
TO HELP WITH LABOR PROBLEMS AND AT LEAST SOME REIMBURSEMENT  
ON ITS SIX MILLION DOLLAR CLAIM, BUT THAT NORTHROP'S LARGER  
STAKE IN TURKEY SHOULD LEAD IT TO BE CAUTIOUS IN TAKING  
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